

# The Pocahontas Times.

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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## BIOGRAPHIC NOTES.

### THE LATE REV. M. D. DUNLAP, AND HIS ANCESTRY.

Descended From Scottish Noblemen  
This Eminent Man Leaves an Envious Record Behind in Pocahontas.

The subject of this article is the Rev. Mitchell D. Dunlap, who spent forty eight years of his remarkably useful life in our county. No one person has ever exerted an influence for the best interests of our people, superior to what he did during that long residence among us, from 1845 to 1893. Many young men of Pocahontas county trained by his precepts and example, became the foremost citizens of their day, as business and professional characters. The same is true in regard to quite a number from adjacent counties.

In reference to his ancestry we learn from M. A. Dunlap, his nephew and namesake, and with whom he passed the latter years of his life, that the Rev. Mr. Dunlap's paternal ancestor was Robert Dunlap, Sr. This ancestor with three preachers were the younger sons of a Scottish nobleman. By the law of entail they were disinherited and to improve their fortunes, migrated to Pennsylvania. From Pennsylvania they came to the Valley of Virginia and located in Augusta county.

The eldest of the four brothers just mentioned was the Captain Dunlap who was with Andrew and Charles Lewis in much of their border warfare operations. It is not known certainly what became of this Captain Dunlap, but there are plausible reasons for believing that he or his immediate descendants migrated to Ohio. William Dunlap another of the ancestral quartette went to Kentucky, and is the ancestor of the Dunlap relationship in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Robert Dunlap, Sr., after being in the Indian wars along the border, was in the battle of Point Pleasant, Oct. 10, 1774. During the Revolutionary war he went into service with his brother, name not handed down, under Captain Bratton a relative.

At the battle of Guilford Court House the Southern militia were routed, leaving that part of the field, where Capt. Bratton was engaged, exposed to a flanking movement made by the British, which forced him back upon the main body of the American army.

Capt. Bratton reported that as he fell back, he noticed Robert Dunlap Sr., loading and firing his long range mountain rifle, at the flanking party. The Captain also reported that he told Robert Dunlap the day was lost and that he had better come off with the rest, but he refused to do and was never seen or heard of since, and so must have been killed or captured.

The self-sacrificed veteran, Robert Dunlap Sr., left five sons and three daughters to mourn the sad tidings from Guilford Court House, in their pioneer home in the Virginia valley. All of the sons migrated westward except Robert Dunlap Jr., and all the daughters excepting Mrs. Samuel McCutchen who was the mother of the late Robert D. McCutchen near Dunmore, in upper Pocahontas.

The wife of Robert Dunlap, Sr. and the widowed mother of the five sons and daughters just referred to, was Mary Gay. She was a near relative of Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark and Col. William Clark, and also connected with the ancestry of the Gays of Pocahontas county, but how closely is not positively known, to the writer. Robert Dunlap, Jr., the father of Rev. M. D. Dunlap, married Martha Graham, daughter of Jno. Graham of Augusta county, and lived on the old homestead.

Mrs. Dunlap's father, John Graham, according to David Graham's opinion, was a descendant of

the Earl of Montrose. M. A. Dunlap states it was the opinion of his mother, Mrs. Paulina Dunlap, that John Graham, was a descendant of the Earl of Preston. It was also believed by the Graham relationship that from a collateral line of Grahams, the Earl of Dundee originated. This person is more widely known by the epithet, "infamous Claverhouse." John Graham, the maternal grandfather of Rev. M. D. Dunlap, was a son of John Graham, Sr., the grandfather of Lanty Lockridge, Sr., late of Knapps Creek and progenitor of the Lockridge relationship with "Claverhouse" the Virginia Grahams, had but little to say of their ancestry.

He also writes as his opinion, that most of what has been told of the "infamous Claverhouse," was false, as it is known much of it was. For illustration the story of Earl Dundee's league with Satan, by whom he was made invulnerable, and furnished the Earl from his own dark stables the terrible black horse that was invulnerable as his rider and that the Earl of Dundee was finally killed by a silver bullet in the moment of victory at Kille Krankie.

One interesting fact about Robert Dunlap, Jr., and his wife Martha Graham, they were born on the same day of the week and month, and the same year, and their first children Robert and John were twins.

If there be another such coincidence who knows of it?

These persons were the parents of four daughters, Nancy G., who became Mrs. Rev. James Templeton, Martha, who became Mrs. Lewis Bratton, Isabella, who became Mrs. James Walker and one who never married.

The sons were John and Robert the twins, Mitchell and Charles. In other sketches of the Dunlap relationships particulars are mentioned for which there is neither time nor space in a personal article like this, to repeat.

Robert Dunlap, Jr., is remembered as a person eminent for his devotional character. At one period in the history of Rocky Spring church an impulse to special prayer, came upon him and also upon two young ladies, the Misses Montgomery. The two young ladies formed one association for special prayer for the Spirit's reviving power meeting at a school house, where one was teaching. Mr. Dunlap selected the barn for his closet of prayer. Unknown to each other these parties spent much time in tearful prayers and supplication and a pentecostal season followed that amazed ministers and people far and near. To very many a more unexpected event rarely occurs.

One of the fruits of that revival was the subject of this sketch. In reference to Rev. M. D. Dunlap, whose long residence in our county, deserves recognition due by common consent to one of the most useful and influential lives ever passed among our people, it will be remembered that he was a native of Augusta county, born Jan. 16, 1809 and reared on a farm on the west bank of the Big Calf Pasture river, seven or eight miles above Goshen. At this paternal homestead he was devoted to farming pursuits until his majority and several years thereafter.

Having become impressed that it was his duty to preach, he began his studies at Lexington, Va., and upon graduation entered Union Theological Seminary at Hampden Sydney. When completing his studies at college and seminary after six or seven years of continuous effort, he was licensed by Lexington Presbytery and soon after his licensure invitations to French Creek, West Virginia and to Oak Grove church in lower Pocahontas were received by the same post.

Upon visiting both places he decided to locate at Hillsboro as stated supply of the Huntersville and Oak Grove churches and principal of Pocahontas Academy, a flourishing classical school established by Rev. Joseph Brown in 1840-41.

The ministerial service began in

## KIPLING'S POEM ON THE ALLIANCE

### "THE ROWERS"

"Last night ye swore our voyage was done  
But seaward still we go;  
And ye tell us now of a secret vow  
Ye have made with an open foe.  
"That we must lie off a lightless coast,  
And haul and back and veer  
At the will of the breed that have wronged us most  
For a year and a year and a year.  
"There was never a shame in christendie  
They laid not our door;  
And ye say we must take the winter sea  
And sail with them once more.  
"The dead they mocked are scarcely cold;  
Our wounded are bleeding yet;  
And ye tell us now that our strength is sold  
To help them press for a debt.  
"Neath all the flags of all mankind  
That use upon the seas,  
Was there no other fleet to find  
That ye strike hands with these?  
"Of evil times that men could choose,  
On evil fate to fall,  
What brooding judgement let you loose  
To pick the worst of all.  
"In sight of peace, from the narrow seas,  
O'er half the world to run,  
With a cheated crew to league anew  
With the Goth and the Shameless Hun!"

May 1845 and continued for twenty-five years. After severing his relationship as supply of these two churches and relinquishing his position as principal of the Academy, he located on a nice farm in the vicinity of Hillsboro.

On the third Sabbath morning of June 1845 a larger congregation than usual gathered at the old Huntersville Court House to hear the new preacher.

The text expounded was Romans 5:1-2, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."

In the sermon the preacher emphasized these verses farther on in same chapter, "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Verses 7 and 8.

These last verses seemed really to have been the inspiring theme of the larger portion of the discourse upon that occasion.

After returning from the stated service of the churches, and the conduct of the High School, and moving to the farm Mr. Dunlap did not remain unoccupied. In connection with his duties of the farm he taught private or family schools, public schools, and served a term as county superintendent of schools, and was ever ready to supply occasional vacancies in neighboring churches.

One of the terms of public schools, perhaps his last, was taught near Droop mountain Methodist Protestant church, about six miles from his home near Hillsboro. Mrs. Dunlap had a nice cot prepared and with easy chair, table and rug, made a corner very cozy in the school house. In the meanwhile she remained at home prepared and sent him supplies at regular intervals. A conveyance was sent to bring him home every Friday and return on Mondays. During the interval of school duties he was the solitary occupant of the school room serving its double purpose for teaching and lodging.

Mr. Dunlap regarded those lonely seasons as some of the most profitable of his life for prayer, meditation and Bible reading. Some of the most refreshing of Jesus and his sayings he ever experienced were vouchsafed him during the winter evenings passed

in solitude in that school on the fringes of the primitive forest.

While reviewing the leadings of God's hand during one of the interview I ever had with him the venerable man, then verging four score years, repeated with a pathos and unction rarely heard, a verse from a favorite hymn.

In each event of life how clear Thy ruling hand I see,  
Each blessing to my soul most dear Because conferred by Thee.

His ministerial neighbor and successor, Rev. Dr. Sydenstricker writes to the effect that for some of the closing days of his life the aged preacher seemed oblivious in a large measure to all about, not recognizing without apparent effort the names or features of even nearest friends. At the mention of one name however he would brighten up more than at the calling of any other, the name of Jesus, "Yes I know Him, He is my Savior."

## Order of Publication

At rules held in the Clerks Office of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, on the first Monday in December, 1902.

Mato Gjanlija Plaintiff

J. Arnold vs. The National Cooperative Company, a corporation, and the Commercial Trust Company of New Jersey, a corporation, Defendants.

The object of this suit is to attach the estate of the National Cooperative Company and subject the same to the payment of a debt of \$210.67 due the plaintiff with interest and the cost of this suit. This day came the plaintiff by his attorney, and on his motion and it appearing by affidavit filed that the defendants, the National Cooperative Company and the Commercial Trust Company of New Jersey are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof, and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit. Teste: J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk N. C. McNeil, Sol.

NOTICE TO FARMERS!

What is the use of spending a day or two going to the mill? You can ship your grain to the SPRING-CREEK MILLING CO., Spring Creek, W. Va., and they will take it from and to the railroad station without cost to you and guarantee satisfaction in quality and quantity. They grind wheat, shelled corn, car corn, buckwheat, etc. Write for prices on flour, meal, chops, etc. All inquiries cheerfully answered. 12-18-9m

## Holiday Ruminations.

While on guard at the Times Office, one day during the holidays, while the boys were occupied in noon hour prandial enjoyment of cranberry and turkey, the following fugitive lines in one of the exchanges took my fancy. Let us gather up the sunbeams Lying all about our past, Let us keep the wheat and roses, Casting out the thorns and chaff. Let us find our sweetest comfort In the blessings of today, With a patient hand removing All the briars from our way.

Then I began to meditate upon their import, and inquire how to gather sunbeams, cast away, the poetical thorns and chaff, keeping at the same time the wheat and roses. My thoughts were somehow guided into the following train to this effect.

In reference to tears wept for our loved dead, it was impressed upon my mind that after a friend has passed away to the resting place beneath the mosses, our tears will do them no good, however sincere and bitter they may be.

The most beautiful flowers that bloom and costly evergreens if not bestowed upon our friends when alive, will not brighten one single dark hour, nor smooth one iota of lifes rough road, by being laid upon their caskets, or as decorations upon their graves.

To realize the sentiment of the varified fragment, it behooves us to be helpful as we move among our friends and neighbors while they are living men and women, then when they leave us, or we precede them, words like these may be anticipated. "Well done good and faithful servants."

With your sunbeams, wheat, and roses, inasmuch as he did unto the least of these my brethren as ye would have had them do unto you, enjoy the fruit of your loving, self denying efforts and enter into the joys of him who is to wear the crown of God of all. Let it be remembered too while in search of sunbeams, roses, and wheat, our lives are too short, for searching out faults, and obligations, when there are so many good and nice things lying all about our varied path ways. Now would it not be well before it is finally and forever too late, for us to be quick about being something to cheer, encourage and help some one along and not save all our loving tokens and words till after death to waste their sweetness on the dark and gloomy shadows of their graves. W. T. P.

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## Fiduciary Notice

State of West Virginia, County of Pocahontas, to-wit: Notice is hereby given that I have before me for settlement the fiduciary accounts of E. N. Moore, Sheriff of Pocahontas County and as such Administrator of A. W. Moore, and that I have appointed the 11th day of January, 1903 as the time and my office at the Court House of Pocahontas county, as the place for receiving proof of debts and demands against said decedent or his estate. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December, 1902. J. H. PATTERSON, Commissioner of Accounts of Pocahontas county. STEAM MAKES JOB WORK CHEAP A X X

## Dunmore Doings.

Mr. T. P. Moyer is laid up with a cumbunk shin.

Mrs. S. C. Pritchard is ill. C. E. Pritchard and family spent Sunday at Traveller's Rest.

Teams were delayed at Forrest last week on account of high water, also we were out of mail for several days. The county for 15 or 20 miles around demand a bridge at Forrest and must have it.

We think there is going to be a big week.

Mrs. Julia Lockridge is visiting at Forrest.

We see Capt. C. B. Swecker back home and he is still able to blow his horn, he did not quite exhaust all the steam.

Mrs. Jacob K. Taylor is on a visit to Virginia and will spend the winter there.

There is a move on foot to build a large lodge hall at Cass, three stories high for Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythians and Woodmen. 1500 has been subscribed.

The foot-bridge at Cass is being repaired.

C. B. Swecker & Co., have received another lot of fine caskets. Capt. Jack Apperson spent Monday night at Cass.

There is still some sickness at Durbin.

Our merchants have been selling wagon loads of X'mas goods. Our town will soon have a black-smith shop.

At Christmas, play you make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year. Mr. Poore.

## Commissioner's Notice.

Office of Commissioner F. R. Hill, Marlinton, W. Va., December 19, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, entered on the 10th day of October, 1902, in the chancery cause therein pending in which I, L. Sanders's Admr. is plaintiff and I. L. Sander's Heirs and others are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 2nd day of February, 1903, at the law office of T. S. McNeel in the Town of Marlinton, Pocahontas county, West Virginia, proceed to take state and report to court the following matters of account, to-wit:

1st. A statement of the debts and liabilities of the said I. L. Sander deceased, showing their respective legal dignities and priorities.

2nd. A settlement of the accounts of W. A. Bratton, Admr. of the said I. L. Sander.

3rd. A statement showing who are the heirs of said I. L. Sander if he had any, and to whom the fund in this case, after payment of debts and expenses of administration should be paid, and whether or not the said Sander left a will.

And other matters specially stated, deemed pertinent by the commissioner or required by and party in interest.

At which time and place you may attend.

F. R. HILL, Comm'r. in Chancery.

## Notice to Creditors.

To the Creditors of I. L. Sanders, deceased:

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of the county of Pocahontas, made in a cause therein pending, to subject the estate of the said I. L. Sanders, to the payment of his debts, you are required to present your claims against the estate of the said I. L. Sanders, for adjudication to F. R. Hill, Commissioner, at the office of T. S. McNeel, in said County, on or before the 2nd day of February, 1903.

Witness, J. H. Patterson, clerk of said Court, this 19th day of December, 1902.

J. H. PATTERSON, Clerk.

We print letter-heads note heads, bill-heads, envelopes, business cards, visiting cards, hand-bills or in fact anything that you may desire, and we guarantee to give satisfaction.

## MARRIED

Thompson - Rose

An interesting social event occurred, and one too very quietly arranged when one of the youngest couples of the season, David Jackson Thompson and Miss Martha Elizabeth Rose were united in marriage at half-past nine Wednesday morning December 24, 1902, by Wm. T. Price. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew M. Rose, near Buckeye, and is a well respected young person. The groom is a native of Raleigh County, and is an industrious young man employed for the present at Monday Lick Siding. The only persons present beside members of the family were Mrs Lee Overholt and her daughter Mrs Norah Young. Many are the wishes that these young people may be happy and prosperous in their new relations.

Bentzel - Aldridge.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1902, at 2.30 p. m. a very beautiful wedding occurred at the brides home at Buckeye when George Bentzel and Miss Nannie Aldridge were united in matrimony, Rev. A. M. Crabtree officiating minister. Miss Ivetta Aldridge escorted by Douglas McNeil and Miss Elois Kee escorted by Jasper Aldridge were the attendants. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr and Mrs T. M. Aldridge. The groom is a native of Virginia. The bride and groom were handsomely dressed as were the attendants. After many congratulations the bridal party went to the dining room where a grand supper was given by the brides parents to their many friends and neighbors. The bride received many beautiful and useful presents. May the union of this happy couple be long and prosperous. A Friend.

Clendennin - Pyles.

On Wednesday evening, December 24th, at the residence of Beckley Pyles, a very pleasant event took place when Ira V. Clendennin and Miss Lillie B. Pyles were united in holy matrimony by Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker. A very nice and respectable company was present to witness the ceremony and to partake of the bountiful supper that was served. The bride received a number of nice presents. D. S. S.

To Send The Negroes to Philippines  
Senator Morgan, the veteran leader from Alabama, is now advocating a plan to utilize the Philippine islands for colonizing there negroes from the United States and in this connection it is stated that President Roosevelt has sent T. Thomas Fortune, a negro, to the islands to investigate and report upon the plan. Senator Morgan is in earnest in the matter and holds frequent consultations with Secretary Root, and other officers about it. He has also consulted Gov. Taft of the Philippine commission.

Fiduciary Notice.  
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
Pocahontas Co., to-wit:

The fiduciary accounts of Jas. Gibson, Jr., Admr. of Draper Wees are before for settlement and I have set January 29, 1903, as the day and my office at the court house as the place of receiving proof of all claims due from the said estate.

Given under my hand this 17th day of December 1902.

J. H. PATTERSON, Comm'r. of Acct. of said County.

## Fiduciary Notice.

The following fiduciary accounts are before the undersigned for settlement, viz:

J. S. Smith, Ex'or. of J. W. Smith.

J. C. C. Lowry, Admr. of Mary I. Lowry.

Given under my hand this 16th day of December, 1902.

J. H. PATTERSON, Comm'r. of Acct.